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The Honorable Richard Allen
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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Security Council

SUBJECT: Weekly NSC Intelligence Checklist

-- New Soviet airfield identified in Libya. (S)

-- Cuba, Nicaragua, and Libya (one shipload) appear to have cached arms in Honduras and are increasing flow of arms and propaganda to Guatemala and Honduras as well as El Salvador. (S)

-- Castro said to have admitted to German SPD peacemaker that U.S. white paper on arms supply is accurate and confirmed existence of paper from El Salvador leftists that they want negotiation to buy time for military buildup. (S)

-- Delivery of Soviet heavy weapons to Botswana will disturb the political balance both inside the country and in southern Africa, and will provoke reaction from South Africa. Additional Soviet advisors probably will arrive in Zambia to conduct training in the use of newly acquired aircraft, ground equipment and air defense weapons. (S)

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-- Morocco plans Polisario peace initiative at OAU meeting in June. (S)

-- Iraqis seem reluctant to launch a major attack in Khuzestan this spring. (S)

-- Libyans continue to react to all reconnaissance missions flown by US aircraft over the Mediterranean near Libya. Saturday they used communications deception to simulate Libyan pilots ordered to shoot down US fighter escorts. Earlier in the same mission, Libyan fighters had tried to get close to the reconnaissance aircraft but were kept away by the US escort fighters. (S)

-- Soviet Marshal Ogarkov's current visit to India could be a prelude to another large arms deal. (S)

-- The forcible return over the weekend of a small number of Cuban refugees to the US does not signal a massive new sealift, but thousands are using third-country routes to enter the US. (S)

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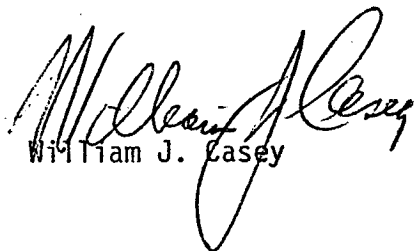
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-- Press reports of Soviet reinforcements in Afghanistan probably stem from the regular spring troop rotation. Pakistan could face increased Soviet border violations and flow of refugees poses serious political problems for Pakistan. Zia's opposition is fragmented following the airliner hijacking. (S)

-- The Nonaligned states continue to push for a showdown on Namibia at the UN. Nonaligned militants have drafted a series of resolutions calling for sanctions against South Africa and will probably call for a Security Council vote this week. A Western veto is anticipated, but African governments, many of which would be hurt by the side effects of sanctions, have had second thoughts about convening an emergency session of the General Assembly to call for voluntary sanctions. Without a peaceful settlement, the odds of a significant expansion of the Communist- and Angolan-backed insurgency will increase. (S)


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